



MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal: "D-2200 Again" timber sale Application # 30-084841, FPA# 2610262
The D-2200 Again timber sale is a seven unit variable retention harvest encompassing 75 acres; excluding leave tree areas and existing road the net harvest acreage is 72. The estimated timber volume removal is 2,284 MBF. This proposal also includes a total of 1,150 feet of construction, 385 feet of reconstruction, and 12,355 feet of pre-haul maintenance. Following completion of the harvest 845 feet of road will be abandoned. The designated rock sources for this proposal are Thunder Creek Pit located in Section 14 of Township 29 North Range 14 West and Mary Clark Pit located in Section 32 of Township 30 North Range 12 West.

Description of mitigation: The following Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) procedures apply:

Northern Spotted Owl: (Procedure PR-14-004-120) This proposal is not located in structural owl habitat, however the sale area is over 50 years of age and will be subject to the acreage limitations within the Dickodochtedar LPU.

Marbled Murrelet: (Procedure PR-14-004-320) This sale was determined to be non-murrelet habitat by the OESF interim marbled murrelet strategy.

Slope Stability: (PR-14-004-050) There are no unstable slopes within or directly adjacent to the proposed sale area.

Riparian and/or Wetland Management Zones (RMZ/WMZ): (Procedure PR-14-004-160) Water resources within the sale area are managed in accordance with the Habitat Conservation Plan. Riparian management zones, consisting of interior core and exterior wind buffers, have been applied to Type 3 and Type 4 streams in the sale area. Due to site specific characteristics, the width of the interior core buffers vary by stream segment. Exterior wind buffers with an average width of 150 feet were installed on Type 3 streams and Type 4 streams have an average exterior buffer width of 50 feet. There is a 30 foot equipment limitation zone in effect on all Type 5 waters. Wetland management zones, buffers 2/3 the site potential tree height (105 feet), have been installed on the forested wetland within the proposal area. Ground based operations will be restricted from October 15th to April 15th in Units 2, 3, 5, & 6, and from October 15th to June 1st in Units 1 and 4, to further reduce potential damages to soil and water resources from excessive rutting and potential sediment delivery. No harvest will occur within the exterior buffers.

Retention Trees: (Procedure PR-14-006-090) Eight retention trees per acre, totaling 590 trees, have been selected and marked with a blue band or yellow leave tree area tags. Wind-firm, dominant, and structurally unique trees were targeted for retention and are arranged both individually and in clumps throughout the proposed sale area.

Bald Eagles: (Procedure PR-14-004-330) Thunder Creek Pit is located within ½ mile and Unit 7 of the proposal area is within 1/4 mile of nest #2 of the Thunder Creek Bald Eagle Territory. A Bald Eagle Nest Site Management Plan has been approved for the pit work and for the harvest unit. Within Unit 7, harvest activities will be restricted from February 1st through July 15th during the most sensitive time periods for eagles.

Roads: Road construction, reconstruction and maintenance activities will be in compliance with the HCP and current Forest Practices regulations. The work detailed in the road plan has been designed to improve surfacing on the haul roads, and provide for better drainage. Soils exposed during road construction activities will be protected from erosion by grass seeding and mulching with hay.

Proponent: Department of Natural Resources – Olympic Region

Location of proposal, including street address, if any: The D-2200 Again timber sale is located approximately 7-9 miles northwest of Forks via Highway 101, the D-2000, the D-5100, the D-2200, the D-4000, the D-2400, and the D-2425. The proposed sale area is located in Sections 14, 25, 26, 35, and 36 of Township 29N Range 14W.

Lead agency: Washington State Department of Natural Resources

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

☐ There is no comment period for this Mitigated DNS.

☒ This MDNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from November 10, 2009. Comments must be submitted by November 24, 2009

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There is no agency SEPA appeal.
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